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SUBJECT: ARGENTINA - A NEW MARKET FOR FINNISH ICEBREAKERS

1. FINNISH PRESS DEC. 20 REPORTED SIGNING OF AGREE-
MENT IN BUENOS AIRES BETWEEN ANTARCTIC DEPARTMENT OF
ARGENTINE DEFENSE MINISTRY AND WARTSILA FOR DELIVERY
TO ARGENTINES BY FALL OF 1978 OF SPECIALLY DESIGNED
ICEBREAKER SUITABLE OF ANTARCTIC EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES.
VALUE OF CONTRACT SAID TO BE FMK 250 MILLION OR
ABOUT US\$65 MILLION.

2. WARTSILA IS WORLD'S LEADING MAKER OF ICEBREAKERS
FOR EXPORT AND HAS BEEN ACTIVELY SEEKING NEW MARKETS FOR
ITS VESSELS. PRICE QUOTED AND RELATIVELY SHORT
DELIVERY DATE FOR SPECIALLY DESIGNED VESSEL SEEM
EVIDENCE OF WARTSILA INTEREST.

3. ARGENTINE EMBASSY SOURCE HERE STATED THAT ORDER
RESULTS FROM INCIDENT IN ANTARCTIC LAST SEASON WHEN
ARGENTINE SHIP TRAPPED IN ICE AND US VESSEL
BARELY ABLE RESCUE.

4. ARGENTINE ICEBREAKER WILL BE LARGER THAN URHO CLASS AND
CAPABLE OF TRANSPORTING FREIGHT AND MEN.

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